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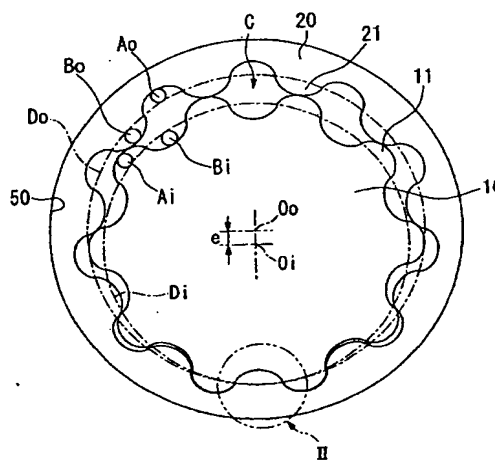
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(54) Internal gear oil pump

(57) An oil pump emits less noise by properly forming the profiles of teeth of an inner rotor and an outer rotor thereof which engage each other, whereby decreasing sliding resistance and rattle between the tooth surfaces of the rotors. The rotors (10, 20) of the oil pump are formed in such a manner that the inner rotor (10) having "n" teeth is formed such that the tooth tip profile and tooth space profile thereof are formed using cycloid curves which are formed by rolling a first circumscribed-rolling circle (Ai) and a first inscribed-rolling circle (Bi) along a base circle (Di), respectively, and the outer rotor (20) having "n+1" teeth is formed such that the tooth tip profile and tooth space profile thereof are formed using cycloid curves which are formed by rolling a second circumscribed-rolling circle (Ao) and a second inscribed-rolling circle (Bo) along a base circle (Do), respectively, and in such a manner that the following equations are satisfied: $\phi Bo = \phi Bi$; $\phi Do = \phi Di \cdot (n+1)/n + t \cdot (n+1)/(n+2)$; and $\phi Ao = \phi Ai + t/(n+2)$, where ϕDi , ϕAi , ϕBi , ϕDo , ϕAo , and ϕBo are the diameters of the base circle of the inner rotor (10), of the first circumscribed-rolling circle (Ai), of the first inscribed-rolling circle (Bi), of the base circle of the outer rotor (20), of the second circumscribed-rolling circle (Ao), of the second inscribed-rolling circle (Bo), respectively, and t ($\neq 0$) is gap between the tooth tip of the inner rotor (10) and the tooth tip of the outer rotor (20).

FIG. 1



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